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SUBJECT: NPT REVCON: COMMITTEE I

REF: (A) GENEVA 3845, (B) GENEVA 3825, (C) GENEVA 3719

1. SUMMARY: COMMITTEE I CONCLUDED ITS WORK ON 23 MAY
WITHOUT REACHING DECISIONS ON ANY SUBSTANTIVE QUESTIONS,
AND FORWARDED ALL PROPOSALS SUBMITTED IN COMMITTEE I TO
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PLENARY. FINAL ROUND OF COMMITTEE DEBATE WAS AT TIMES

STRIDENT, BUT ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS CERTAIN KEY DELS
HINTED AT WILLINGNESS TO COMPROMISE ON THEIR PROPOSALS.
END SUMMARY.

2. COMMITTEE I CONCLUDED ITS WORK ON 23 MAY WITH
ADOPTION OF REPORT WHICH FORWARDED TO PLENARY (WITHOUT
SUBSTANTIVE DECISIONS OR COMMENT IN THE REPORT) ALL
PROPOSALS INTRODUCED IN COMMITTEE I. NO DELS OBJECTED
TO THIS APPROACH, AND THERE SEEMED TO BE GENERAL FEELING
OF RELIEF THAT UNPRODUCTIVE COMMITTEE I SESSIONS NOW
OVER SO THAT HARD NEGOTIATIONS COULD GET UNDER WAY
IN CONTEXT OF DRAFTING COMMITTEE.

3. SOVIET DEL MADE SEVERAL STRONGLY-WORDED INTERVEN-
TIONS AS REPORTED IN REF A. THIS PROMPTED
SEVERAL REPLIES IN A SIMILAR TONE BY MEXICO, IN WHICH
GARCIA ROBLES: (1) EXPRESSED "ASTONISHMENT" THAT SOVIETS
VIEWED HIS PROTOCOL ON SALT REDUCTIONS AS CRUDE INTER-
FERENCE IN BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW
OF UNGA RESOLUTIONS ON SUBJECT; (2) DENIED THAT HIS CTB
PROTOCOL POSED ANY THREAT TO NWS SECURITY EVEN IF NON-
PARTY NWS DID NOT PARTICIPATE; AND (3) ASSURED SOVIETS
THAT HE HAD CONSULTED WITH NEITHER SUPERPOWER BEFORE
INTRODUCING HIS PROTOCOLS.

4. GARCIA ROBLES TOOK MORE MODERATE LINE IN REPLYING
TO US STATEMENTS. US DEL STATED EARLY IN COMMITTEE
SESSION THAT DELS SHOULD NOW MAKE SERIOUS EFFORT TO
REACH COMPROMISE ON SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES WHICH WERE
ACCEPTABLE TO ALL, THAT US WAS PREPARED TO EXAMINE ALL
PROPOSALS WITH THIS IN MIND, AND THAT MATTERS OF FORMAT,
THOUGH IMPORTANT, WERE SECONDARY TO THIS. APPARENTLY
IN RESPONSE, GARCIA ROBLES SAID HIS PROTOCOLS WERE
"NOT IMMUTABLE" AND WERE OPEN TO NEGOTIATION AND
REASONABLE COUNTER-PROPOSALS BY OTHER DELS. IN
RESPONSE TO US STATEMENT ON PROTOCOLS, REPORTED IN
REF B, GARCIA ROBLES BRIEFLY REPLIED THAT: (1) VERIFI-
CATION PROVISION NOT INDESPENSABLE TO CTB; AND (2) HIS
PROTOCOL ON SALT REDUCTIONS DID NOT THREATEN SUPER-
PWERS' SECURITY SINCE THEIR NUCLEAR ARSENALS WOULD
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STILL BE FAR SUPERIOR TO THOSE OF ANY OTHER POWERS,
AND SINCE SUPERPOWERS WOULD STILL BE FREE TO DETERMINE
THE MIX OF THEIR STRATEGIC FORCES UNDER THE NEW REDUCED
LIMITS.

5. AS REPORTED IN REC C, IRANIAN AND ROMANIAN DELS MADE
FORTHCOMING STATEMENTS ON THEIR WILLINGNESS TO
BE FLEXIBLE IN HANDLING THEIR PROPOSALS ON NNWS

SECURITY. UK DEL WELCOMED IRANIAN PROPOSAL ON NFZS AND STATED HIS AGREEMENT WITH BASIC OBJECTIVES, ALTHOUGH SUGGESTING THAT IT MIGHT BE BETTER PLACED IN DECLARATION AND THAT SOME REVISIONS MIGHT BE IN ORDER.

6. ITALY, FRG AND ROK MADE GENERALLY HELPFUL STATEMENTS IN QUESTION OF SECURITY ASSURANCES. ROK DEL, (REITERATING HIS MAIN THEME OF CONFERENCE): (1) NOTED CONSENSUS ON NEED FOR IMPROVEMENT OF NNWS SECURITY BUT DISAGREEMENT ON PRECISE MEANS OF ACHIEVING THIS, AND EMPHASIED NEED FOR CONSENSUS SOLUTION WHICH SATISFIED ALL PARTIES; (2) REJECTED YUGOSLAV PROPOSAL ON WITHDRAWAL OF TACTICAL NUKES FROM NNWS TERRITORY AS "ARBITRARY" AND AN "ABSTRACT PROPOSAL DETACHED FROM SECURITY REALITIES"; AND (3) INSISTED THAT EACH NNWS, IN EXERCISE OF ITS SOVEREIGNTY, MUST DECIDE FOR ITSELF WHETHER OR NOT TO PROHIBIT PRESENCE OF NUCLEAR WAAPONS. ITALIAN DEL: (1) SUPPORTED PREVIOUS US STATEMENT ON QUESTION; (2) POINTED TO POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION OF MUTUAL SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS TO NNWS SECURITY, AND EMPHASIZED THAT NO POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE GUARANTEES COULD BE ACCEPTABLE IF THEY CALLED SUCH ARRANGEMENTS INTO QUESTION; AND (3) SUPPORTED IDEA OF NFZS, BUT STATED THAT REGIONAL SITUATIONS DIFFER AND NFZ ARRANGEMENTS MUST TAKE THIS INTO ACCOUNT. FRG DEL OPPOSED NEGATIVE ASSURANCES ON WORLD-WIDE BASIS, AND INSTEAD SUPPORTED REGIONAL APPROACHES TO STRENGTHENING NNWS SECURITY; HE SAID THAT NON-USE ASSURANCES MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE TO NFZ ARRANGEMENTS BUT THAT THIS HAD TO BE DECIDED ON CASE-BY-CASE BASIS.

7. DRAFTING COMMITTEE WILL NOW ASSUME TASK OF NEGOTIATING FINAL DOCUMENTS (I.E. AGREEMENTS) OF CONFERENCE. TENTATIVE PLAN IS TO DIVIDE UP DECLARATION AMONG SEVERAL SMALLER WORKING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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